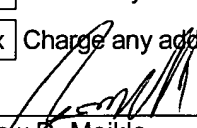




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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 0171-1068P	
Application No. 10/797,037-Conf. #4654		Filing Date March 11, 2004		Examiner A. D. Neckel	
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Applicant(s): Yasuaki NOZAWA et al.					
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING HYDROPHOBIC SILICA FINE POWDER					
MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Total Claims	8	- 20 =		x	
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